

OLD COLLEGE BOYS.

NAMES NOT BORN TO DIE—MEN WHO GAVE LUSTRE TO VIRGINIA.

Interesting Reminiscences of General Edward C. Carrington, Dr. John L. Kirkpatrick, William J. Lyle, &c.

CHRISTIANBURG, Va., Jan. 12, 1892.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

You are always so ready to publish what recalls the names and lives of those who gave lustre to our Commonwealth, and your readers are so largely interested in these events, that I send you some more letters which have been sent to me as compiler of our alumni catalogue.

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GENERAL EDWARD C. CARRINGTON.

NORFOLK, Va.,

UNITED STATES COURT-ROOM,

November 24, 1891.

To Dr. McKim:

My Dear Sir—I saw in THE RICHMOND DISPATCH a week or ten days ago a publication of a series of letters to the editor of the Dispatch, in which you were mentioned.

One or more of these letters seemed to me to imply that the General Carrington had been a student of the college. I can testify unqualifiedly to the fact that he was. My own personal knowledge of him was shaped by that fact. I know from General Carrington himself that he was, and that while a student at Hampden-Sidney College he was the roommate of a classmate named Jesse Hughes, of Powhatan county.

He often told me that when he heard, ten or twelve years ago, of the almost simultaneous death of his father and mother, leaving five children to be parcelled among their friends and relatives, he applied to me for help. Accordingly at the age of three years I went to General Carrington, and became adopted and domiciled in his family. Strangely enough, I have never known him to mention the fact of my adoption.

The General told me in after-life that he and Mrs. Carrington, during their visit on the occasion of the death of his father, had been in the room which he and my father had occupied; from which I infer that the same building was then (1824) standing, and had been in use since 1810 and thereabout, while they were students.

General Carrington was one of the most intellectual and highly cultivated of men. I ever knew him to speak an excellent Latinist, and spoke and read French with great facility. I do not recollect that he knew anything of Greek, but he was a thoroughly versed in history and in English literature, and he was congenial. I think my father and he were congenial in tastes. I have always felt that it was the most fortunate circumstance of my life to have enjoyed for many years the care, friendship, and association of so accomplished a man.

He was at school but little as a boy, but I was taught and carefully and patiently taught at Berry Springs by my youth by this good and great man.

Yours most sincerely,

ROBERT W. HUGHES.

REV. DR. JOHN L. KIRKPATRICK AND OTHERS.

LINCOLN, Va., September 8, 1890.

To Mr. Van Hook:

My Dear Sir—Yours of the 1st instant has been lying on my desk for some days awaiting a leisure hour to answer it. I wish most heartily that I could supply you with information that would aid you in the work you have on hand. I wish this partly on your account, and partly on the account of my former acquaintance and friendship and partly on account of my own desire to see you succeed.

The members of my class graduated with me were:

1. Glaskin, I think his name was Thomas, but of this I cannot be sure, and know not whether he is living, but have an impression he is not. (Dead.)

2. Williams, B. L. (Dead.) He was the last time I heard of him was living in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and practicing law. I do not know whether he is now living or not. (Dead.)

3. Ferdinand Jacobs, a minister in the Presbyterian Church, now preaching near Charleston, S. C. He was a very good life in teaching. Has his third wife. I saw him in May last in Charleston; was looking hale and vigorous. (Living in Nashville, Tenn.)

4. Louis L. Kippen, who entered the ministry, but soon abandoned it and devoted himself to the study of the Anglo-Saxon language and some of the cognate tongues, in which he became quite learned. He published a grammar, "Anglo-Saxon Grammar," in 1870.

5. Walter D. Wake, a successful and eminent lawyer in Goodland county, where he died a few years since.

6. William J. Lyle, a physician, married, lived, and died in Louisiana.

7. Robert J. McDowell, now living in Charlotte, N. C., a teacher for some years, then a planter on a large plantation, and president of a large and successful firm in all his undertakings.

8. Nathaniel Abram Venable, a physician, who died early in life.

9. Myself, of whom you know as my particular friend. (Since dead.)

Of the class next graduated in 1822, I am not certain that any are living except Jacobus, McDowell, and myself.

Of the class graduated in 1821, I can recall only Thomas Stanhope Flournoy, now living in Danville; Robert Southgate, a physician in Norfolk, who died; Scott, from Prince George's county, who married Miss Flournoy; Hicks, from North Carolina. I do not know whether any of the three last are living or not.

I can recall only the students of whom the classes below mine I doubt whether the list would be worth anything to you. What complicates the difficulty is that some of these names I could give you, I am unable to say whether they were in college with me or whether they were there while I was in the Theological Seminary. I will mention, however, as contemporaries, two Scots—John and James, from Spotsylvania; Edward Hamblin, Claiborne, Robert B. White (now Rev. Dr. White), J. M. P. and John A. Kirkpatrick, Baldwin of Prince Edward, Whitlock, Burfoot, John Polard, Patrick Flournoy, Morrison (afterward an Episcopal minister).

My brother, Hugh Parks Kirkpatrick, of whom you inquire, was graduated in 1828. He died in 1829, twenty years ago in Georgia, where he settled a few years after leaving college.

I entered Hampden-Sidney in January, 1828, having spent a year in the University of Georgia, in which State my parents resided.

I send this, fully as how unsatisfactory it must prove. If there are any special items needed by you which you may think it probable I can give information about please mention them, and I will, I assure you, after as much pleasure to contribute, however ungrudgingly, to the success of the work in which you are employed.

I recall very vividly scenes connected with our intercourse in the days long gone—scenes in the Union Hall, and in my room on the corner of the city to 18 per cent of the assessed value of the real estate.

Upon the faith of this statement, I hope to see some of the old friends of the city by liberal purchase of the

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